

ABOUT KAHUNA DOCTORS

THEIR REMEDIES AND MODE OF PROCEDURE.

Their Motto is Cash in Advance, or Its Equivalent, in Every Professional Instance.

Much interest having been manifested in an article in yesterday's issue relating to kahuna malpractice, a STAR reporter has made further inquiries on the subject, the result of which is detailed below. No information whatever could be obtained from natives in regard to the usual practice pursued by the kahuna doctors in treating the sick, the questioner being always answered to the effect that they knew nothing about it. This reticence has since been explained to be caused by fear, one of the cardinal principles of the kahuna profession being to instill a wholesome dread of consequences into the minds of their followers in case they should divulge anything to its detriment. With the innocent natives, in whom superstition is born and bred in the bone, and fed to them in their infancy in their mothers' milk, this is an easy task. In spite of the civilizing effect of churches, schools, rapid communication with the outer world, etc., it is boldly asserted that the native Hawaiian does not exist in the secret recesses of whose heart there is not the same superstitious fear that obtained with their forefathers a hundred years ago. And when it is considered that this fear has, with one or two possible exceptions, been both secretly and openly encouraged by those highest in authority over the nation, it is no wonder that it exists as a national evil today.

There are kahunas and kahunas, good, bad and indifferent. It is generally a question of choice in case of sickness, but when a native is to be "kahunaed" or really frightened to death it is another matter. To offset the evil effects of one kahuna the victim must employ another of greater power and skill, and money is then no object. But it is not the object of this article to take up and describe the "sorceries" practiced even at the present day by these kahunas and by which even in this Christian era many natives are undoubtedly frightened to death, but rather to describe the methods practiced in sickness and the medicines used.

The kahuna, in the first place, is strictly a business man and the plan he pursues is to get every dollar he possibly can out of the sick person and his or her relatives, and to get that dollar invariably in advance. Having obtained his fee he visits the sick person and commences operations with a little praying. This being over the patient is examined and prescribed for, a little more praying done and the kahuna departs promising to come tomorrow if not sooner. If the patient has plenty of money this treatment is kept up for an indefinite period, strictly cash in advance. If he has little or no money it is remarkable how quick he gets well or dies.

Among other superstitious ideas imbibed in the native mind, and for that matter in the minds of some of their haole brethren, is one that a purgative treatment must be followed and kept up in every case of sickness, and this is invariably followed by the kahuna doctors. Indeed, the patient would not think he was getting his money's worth unless he was thoroughly well physicked. What effect this drastic treatment would have upon a person whose system was demoralized with the grippe can be imagined. The purgatives generally used, for a description of which the reporter is indebted to one of our leading physicians who has long made a study of native habits and customs, are koali, a plant of the convolvulus or morning-glory order. A similar plant furnishes the jalap of the drug stores. This is a powerful, quick acting purgative and is the one most generally used in cases of stomach derangement from over-eating, which is the commonest disorder with the natives. Another plant much used for the same purpose is the red taro, which is a powerful irritant purgative. This is what the dead printer, George Kai Lokai, was dosed with until he died.

The popolo, or rather the expressed juice of its green leaves, is a milder laxative and is used for children. Another remedy is the seeds and expressed juice of the seed cases of the hairy convolvulus, which is much milder than the koali. The apu-awa, or common gourd, is another popular kahuna remedy. The pulp and juice are used, but as it often acts as an emetic as well as a purgative and is poisonous in large doses, its use is somewhat dangerous. Other native remedies used are awa, a plant belonging to the pepper family, and from which the sacred intoxicant is made with which all natives dose themselves and offer as a sacrifice to the gods. An infusion of this plant is useful in bladder troubles. A tea made from the hau, a mucilaginous mess similar to slippery elm tea, is also used for the same purpose. It has the advantage over the other remedies described in being perfectly harmless.

For sprains and bruises, black eyes, etc., the kahunas have a treatment that

is remarkably successful. The green maunaloa bean, pounded up and applied in the shape of a poultice, is generally used. The koali is sometimes used for the same purpose applied in the same manner. The kahunas claim to be able to cure leprosy, but there is no instance on record of their having done so. The remedies used are Hawaiian ginger and sugar cane, but recourse is sometimes had to the haole medicine, iodide of potassium, while the weed nena is used as a poultice to the affected spot.

It should have been mentioned that the prayers of the kahunas are generally addressed to the household or personal god, of which each Hawaiian family possesses one, as the one most to be propitiated in cases of sickness. When business gets dull with the kahunas they play this little game on some innocent native whom they have picked out as a fit subject: Kahuna No. 1 sends one of his friends to the victim with the information that he is being "kahunaed." The victim becomes frightened and employs Kahuna No. 2 immediately to counteract the evil influence of No. 1. Kahuna No. 2 then has a private intimation conveyed to some near relative of the victim that he is "praying"—it might be spelled preying—on the victim. The near relative then employs Kahuna No. 1 to pray against the other, and both kahunas get a job.

FOOTBALL MATCH ASSURED.

The Local Club Have Challenged the Boston's Team.

U. S. FLAGSHIP BOSTON, HONOLULU, H. I., July 12, 1893.

Editor Star.—SIR: Having seen a report in this morning's Advertiser in regard to Mr. Corbett and his "kickers," I wish to state that the football team on the U. S. S. Boston has not received any challenge from him or any one else in regard to a match, but we would be pleased to play them any time after the 29th of this month.

Respectfully,
E. HUMPHREY,
Captain Boston Football Team.

In connection with the above, it may be stated that a practice game of the local club was held last evening at the new ball grounds, some fifteen players being in attendance. After the game a meeting was held, at which Captain Crane was authorized to send a formal challenge to the Boston's team, which no doubt has reached Mr. Humphrey by this time.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

George Wessels Accuses His Wife of Doing Many Naughty Things.

In the Circuit Court George Wessels has filed a complaint for divorce from Kekahona Wessels. The document alleges that the parties were married on the 6th of January, 1889, at Hauula, Oahu; that there is no issue of said marriage; that the respondent is in the habit of getting into a state of beastly intoxication; that she is a confirmed drunkard, and that the habit is growing upon her; that while she is under the influence of liquor she does much damage to plaintiff's property, uses bad language to him and destroys his peace of mind; and, lastly, that she is in the habit of deserting his bed and board without giving him any notice, during which absence she associates with worthless and debauched persons and entirely neglects her marital duties.

Odd Fellow Installations.

At Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., last evening, C. J. Fishel, D. D. G. S., assisted by E. Hingley, P. G., J. C. Lorenzen, P. G., F. J. Wilhelm, P. G., acting as grand officers, installed the following officers:
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V. G., W. D. Alexander Jr.
Secretary, L. L. La Pierre, P. G.
Treasurer, J. Mort Oat, P. G.
Warden, William Ross.
Conductor, Charles Frazier.
R. S. N. G., J. J. Lecker, P. D. D. G. S.
L. S. N. G., E. Hingley, P. G.
R. S. V. G., George Allwein.
R. S. S., A. Myhre.
L. S. S., E. M. Marshall.
I. G., George Johnson.

Electric Lights.

Every one who was present at the delightful reception at the residence of Alexander Young Esq. last evening was struck with the brilliancy and beauty of the electric lights. The whole house and lamp fixtures had been wired in three days by Messrs. E. O. Hall & Son, under the supervision of Thomas Quinn. The electric current was furnished for the occasion from the Government electric wires, but will be furnished by the Hawaiian Electric Company as soon as the new plant is completed.

Many other residences and offices are already wired and are only awaiting the completion of the new station to supply the electric current.

District Court Matters.

There being no criminal business on hand this morning Judge Foster took up the civil case of Mrs. J. H. Boyd vs. Malcolm Brown, and J. A. King, Minister of the Interior, as garnishee, and rendered judgment for the plaintiff for \$280, the face of the note, \$50 interest to date, \$14 65 attorney's commission and \$4 60 costs; in all \$395 55.

Judge Foster dismissed the case against G. Pahupu, charged with desertion, this morning, the parties having become reconciled.

SUING BACK AND FORTH.

NOW EHRLICH GETS BACK AT PETERSON.

A Twenty-five Hundred Dollar Action Results From the Row of April 14th Last.

About the 14th of April last a personal altercation took place in the Annexation Club rooms between S. Ehrlich and one of the secretaries of the club, Robert C. Peterson, out of which much litigation has ensued. To start in with Ehrlich had Peterson arrested for assault and battery, and the latter paid Judge Foster \$8 50 for the privilege of knocking Ehrlich's spectacles off and doing other things constituting the crime of assault and battery as Judge Foster construed the law and the evidence.

The next move was on Peterson's part when he brought suit against Ehrlich for \$5000 for defamation of character, claiming that during the altercation Ehrlich had called him a liar and used other terms which to polite ears should be unknown. This suit has not yet come to trial.

Ehrlich now comes back at Peterson with a demand for \$2500 with which to save his wounded feelings and make amends for the beating which he claims to have received at the hands of Peterson, and for the destruction of a pair of spectacles, and has brought suit in the Circuit Court to recover that sum, by C. W. Ashford, his attorney.

The following is the gist of the complaint:

The undersigned, Samuel Ehrlich, a resident of Honolulu, and a foreigner by birth, plaintiff herein, claims of Robert C. Peterson, a native Hawaiian and defendant herein, the sum of \$2500, and in support of said claim, states the facts here following; that is to say: That, heretofore, to wit: on the 14th day of April, 1893, said Honolulu, said defendant, without warrant or authority of law, and against the right of this plaintiff, did make an assault upon this plaintiff and did then and there beat, bruise and maltreat this plaintiff, and did insult and abuse him, and did ignore and destroy certain property, to wit: certain eyeglasses of this plaintiff, then and there being worn by this plaintiff, to the damage of plaintiff twenty five hundred dollars, etc.

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

Miss Susan A. Young and Dr. Anderson Married Last Night.

The Central Union Church was well filled last night to witness the marriage ceremony between Miss Susan Alice Young, daughter of Hon. Alexander Young, and Dr. R. W. Anderson, the popular dentist. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers, ferns and palms.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Beckwith. Miss Bertha Young, Miss Nellie Young, sisters of the bride, and Miss Veda acted as bridesmaids, while W. Porter B. yd was the groom's best man, and Professor Wood, of Oahu College, and E. Benner officiated as groomsmen. The bride was given away by her father.

After the ceremony at the church the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, which had been beautifully decorated and illuminated for the occasion, where a reception was held. Refreshments were served, and the Hawaiian Band discoursed sweet music at intervals. The bridal presents were both costly and numerous.

PERSONAL.

L. H. Dee may return by to-morrow's Australia.

George H. Paris is looked for on the Australia.

Wray Taylor is confined to his home from sickness.

W. P. Tilden of the STAR is painfully ill of the grippe.

E. S. Damon is expected home on to-morrow's steamer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hubron are expected back to-morrow.

Admiral Skerrett and family have taken rooms at the hotel.

Mrs. S. Macauley, whose husband shot himself some weeks ago, died last night.

Dr. Armistage fell from his horse at Waimea, Kauai, last week and dislocated his wrist.

Chief Justice Judd is away on a visit to his nephew's plantation at Kooloa, district of Koolaloa.

Walter Dillingham and Miss May C. Dillingham are among the expected arrivals from the Coast.

John Cassidy of the electric light works will go to the World's Fair to study electrical appliances.

A. F. Judd Jr., J. R. Judd and C. M. Cooke Jr. will enter Yale this fall, and Alexander Atherton will go to Amherst.

Professor C. J. Lyons had an article on Diurnal Variations of the Barometer in the April number of the American Meteorological Journal.

THE INFANT DIVORCE CASE.

Shall the Youthful Husband be Punished for Contempt?

Judge Cooper is occupied in hearing a motion directing Samuel Kipu to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court. It will be remembered that Samuel Kipu eloped with an Hawaiian maiden

named Wananika about the 26th of June and as duly married by the pastor of Kaumakapili church. The girl being under age and her father very much averse to the marriage, the latter brought suit for its annulment by the Circuit Court. Pending the final decision of the case Judge Cooper made an order that the girl remain in the charge of her father and that Kipu should not interfere with her.

On July 6th the child disappeared, and was, of course, found with Kipu. She was again returned to her father, who procured an order summoning Kipu to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt in disobeying the mandate of the court and enticing his wife away. Kipu claims that, as she came to him of her own accord, he has done nothing for which he should be punished. This phase of the case is being argued today, much of the morning session having been occupied in taking testimony.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The lepers at Molekai have the tug-of-war craze.

The Haws and the Kams will play next Saturday.

There were six deaths in the week ending yesterday, all of natives.

Judge Whiting is presiding judge at chambers for the rest of this week.

The flagship band serenaded Mrs. Skerrett and her daughters last evening.

Professor Kauffman gives a big ball at Sans Souci the latter part of the week.

There will be another practice game of football on Thursday at 5 p. m. at the new baseball grounds.

There is danger of the water supply running short unless care is taken not to waste the supply in irrigation.

The closing exercises of the Chinese Mission schools will be held to-morrow at the Chinese Y. M. C. hall.

Passenger travel from this port is resuming its normal state, no berths on the Oceanic having been spoken for so far.

There were no arrests last night and only one this morning, a native named Keawe for having opium in his possession.

The Hawaiian band will give a concert at the hotel to-morrow night in honor of the Australia's passengers, commencing at 7:30.

There were only two criminal cases called in the District Court this morning, all of which went over to suit the convenience of attorneys.

There will be a business meeting of the Ladies' Society of the Central Union Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the church parlor.

The Pacific Wheelmen have chosen M. Phillips, president; W. M. Bush, secretary and treasurer; H. A. Giles, captain; T. P. Cummins, lieutenant.

Cashier Ross of the Inter-Island Company, at Fort-street wharf, has been bothered since yesterday morning with inquiries, telephonic and otherwise, about alleged news coming by the schooner Liholiho, from Kalaiala.

The vessel arrived this afternoon, and as she did not leave until after the steamer Iwalani on Sunday, brought no fresh intelligence.

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THE SCHOONER ALLEN A. IN FROM EUREKA.

The Schooner Liholiho From Kauai—The Steamer Waimanaloa From Windward—Wavelets.

The American three masted schooner Allen A. Captain Schage, docked at Allen and Robinson's wharf at 8 o'clock this morning, 18 days from Eureka. The captain reports a pleasant voyage all the way with light northeast winds. The Allen A. brings a big cargo of redwood lumber for Allen Robinson.

A Sabbath-like stillness broods along the water front. Only six vessels are moored to the docks.

Bets are about even whether the Australia gets in to-night or in the morning early.

Captain Robert Andrews is temporarily in command of the schooner Liholiho.

Two three masted schooners turned up at this port in the last few days.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12.

DIAMOND HEAD, 3:30 P. M.—Weather hazy. Wind light, N.E.

ARRIVALS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12.

Sinai Waimanaloa, Doolit, from Waialua.

Am tern Allen A. Schage, from Eureka.

Sch Liholiho, Andrews, from Kauai.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Sinai Waimanaloa, Doolit, for Waialua to-morrow at 9 a. m.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

For Kauai, per Sinai Mikahala, July 11—Miss Pindar, Miss Wohlfarth, Miss May Bailey, Dr. Howard, L. M. Zornow, E. Flot, J. Blakbush, Albert Trask, Ah Wai and wife, and 30 on deck.

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Haw bk Andrew Welch, Drew, San Fran.

Am bk Ceylon, Calhoun, San Francisco.

Am sch Weatherway, San Fran (at Kah).

Ger bk G. N. Wilson, Walters, Liverpool.

Am tern Glendale, Johnson, Eureka.

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